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WHAT IS A FARMER'S WIFE WORTH?

(From The Southern Planter)

What is a farmer's wife worth to him? A University of Illinois farm management specialist, M. L. Mashner, made a careful study of earning on 240 north-central Illinois farms for the 10 years, 1936-45, and came up with this answer: "The farm wife is worth $60,000 in extra income to her husband and family during their married life."

A few of the farms Masher studied were operated by bachelors. These farms made on the average of $2,400 less in net earnings each year than those operated by married men. Yet both groups operated the same general size and type of farm.

This $2,400 difference capitalized at four per cent amounts to $60,000. Or, if you multiply the $2,400 difference each year by 25 years of married life, you get a whopping $84,000.

However, Masher cautions bachelors, "I'm not insisting that marriage guarantees successful farming nor that you'll automatically get $60,000 more income if you do marry. But having a wife does help."

If it were possible to keep an accurate record of the long hours of hard work done by the farm homemaker, and if this work were paid for at the usual union wage rate for work in industrial plants, we wonder just what the real monetary value the wife would be. And if it were possible to put a price tag on her inspirational, cultural and moral influence in the home, her value would, indeed, dwarf that of her husband into insignificance.

ONE MAN'S MEAT IS ANOTHER'S SALAD

(The Vancouver Daily Province)

It's beginning to look very much like the meat eaters and vegetarians may both be right.

The authorities who are trying to rescue a band of Northwest Territories Eskimos from starvation are finding it no simple matter in dietetics.

These Eskimos are confirmed meat eaters. After a few hundred years their internal economy is geared to meat. They are undernourished unless they can eat the meat of the caribou.

They won't fish for themselves and in any case, no fish of any other food of the white man seems to give them the pep they get from meat. The record shows these natives suffer most of their epidemics when there has been a meat shortage.

On the other hand some native tribes in warmer climates have managed to get along with very little meat. They are vegetarians and they have learned to like it. They grow to be strong on nuts and roots.

And, as vegetarians never tire of pointing out, the gorilla, certainly no pantywaist, eats no meat at all. He gets his power from vegetable food.

All this throws a lot of light on the various food fads. It seems pretty evident that no one diet is the universal diet for mankind.

One man thrives on meat and another feels better and works better on cottage cheese. And somebody else sweats by fruits, nuts and vegetables.

It just depends upon your machinery. After a few years you should know yourself what agrees with it most.

QUIETLY, AFTER FOUR YEARS

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Four years ago, as GIs piled out of discharge centers, the country began to hear loud demands for reforms of military justice. Now, and almost without notice, Congress has sent to the White House a uniform code of justice for all three armed services.

Actually, the Army, Navy and Air Force did not wait for Congress to reform their courts. Each of the services conducted investigations and discovered some shocking examples of injustice and abuse of military caste. Each service made improvements in its system of justice. The importance of the congressional bill is that it gives the three forces the same, standard code, for the first time in history.

This code—much of it already accepted by the services—provides three major guarantees for the accused, particularly for enlisted defendants. It assures the right to counsel. It permits them to demand the presence of enlisted men on the court. And it establishes a new civilian court of military appeals which may review major sentences.

With the code, Congress brings the military unification program to the level of each soldier, sailor and airman. They will enjoy equal rights before the law, whatever uniform they wear.

TOO MANY LAWS

(Ashland Herald-Progress)

State Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. said recently that "what we need in Virginia and the United States is not more legislation, but less."

"We would be in better shape if we could strip the statute books of many of the laws we now have, some of which are vete and many of which serve no useful purpose.

"As I see it," Senator Byrd continued, "it is as much the duty of the legislator to vigorously oppose the enactment of bad legislation as it is to secure the adoption of good legislation."

Byrd is right. There are too many laws. No man can know them all, not even the lawyers. We would be much better off if we could take all of the laws relating to individuals, wipe them off the books and start again with a simple code of human conduct that every man might learn and guide himself by.

Business survey in Richmond reveals bright outlook.

Nationalist planes hit coastal targets off China.

HALF WISH TO LEAVE ENGLAND

(Winchester Star)

A recent survey by the British Institute of Public Opinion indicates that 18 per cent of British adults under the age of thirty would like to leave England and settle in another country. The majority of older people, those over 30, say they are content to remain in England.

Oh, for the glories of Socialism! The Socialists have been in power for five years and apparently 18 per cent of the young people would like to leave their homeland and settle elsewhere. Could it be that the young men and women of England feel that their liberty and individual initiative is being destroyed and that the fruits of regimentation are not as sweet as the Socialist leaders have led them to believe?

Concerning present-day England, The London Times writes:

"In England today there is no incentive to hold undertakings. Today it is safer to be a bureaucrat than a maker, and the young men know it. Socialism is competition without prizes, boredom without hope, war without victory, and statistics without end. It takes the heart out of young men. It is not only politically false, but morally destructive."

Frozen Foods

FROZEN FOODS: V
By Roy E. Moser, Fruit and Vegetable Processing Specialist at VPI

Freezing strawberries? It is easy to do—you don't have to work much harder than when you're preparing them to eat fresh. Here is how.

Strawberries for freezing should be uniformly ripe, at the stage you would use them on the table as fresh berries. Green, or overripe, mushy berries do not freeze well. Freeze the berries as soon after picking as possible. They lose quality and spoil quickly if held even for short periods.

Sort the berries and remove the green and overripe ones. Cap them at the same time. Then wash the berries in cold water and remove any soil. A wire basket may be used to hold the berries while washing. Don't try to wash too many at once, however, as it is difficult to get them clean that way. Drain berries in a colander.

There are two ways you can pack your berries. You can slice them or leave them whole. The flavor of sliced berries is considered better by many people, but it is a matter of individual taste. It may depend on how you will use the berries. If you are going to slice them, do it now.

Mix the berries with sugar. Use one cup of sugar to 4 or 5 cups of berries. Mix well in a bowl until the sugar is dissolved. Some juice will be formed. Now you are ready to package your strawberries. They can be packaged in waxed cartons or plastic bags. I suggest that you see your locker operator and have him explain the different types of packages to you. Most locker operators also sell packaging materials, and know the merits of each kind.

When packaging your berries, leave a little room in the package to allow for expansion in freezing. Then seal the package tightly to keep out any air and prevent drying out of the berries. After they are sealed, label the packages with the name of the product and the date packed so you can tell what is in the package later and use the oldest first. Then get the packages to your locker immediately.

U. S. Court rules out citizenship for Harry Bridges.

Truman vetoes basing point price measure.

Japanese Reds file court action in attempt to halt purge.

Truman signs law opening door for more DP families.

Five in family perish in fire near Staunton.

Roanoke River dam hearing set for July.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 20.- Dr. T. W. Williams called in the homes of J. R. Marshall and D. T. Goin Saturday P. M. He has been a recent caller in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glass.

Miss Rachel Goin attended the Bible Conference at Hampden-Sydney last week.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. N. S. Topping is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Topping have been recent callers in the home of J. R. Marshall.

Miss Edna Goin spent some time with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wooldridge and attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Gerleen Wooldridge and Fred Sycar in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears have been recent callers in the home of J. R. Marshall. Callers in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Berry Cook, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Singleton, O. H. Gilliam called there Saturday P. M.

Mrs. G. G. Reynolds returned to her home in Richmond Tuesday, after spending several days at "Walnut Shade.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goin and family visited in the home of Mrs. E. F. Penick, of Lynchburg Sunday before last.

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Richwood

Richwood, June 20.- "Do not let self-praisers and pity-seekers distract your judgment. Give credit to those who have earned it."- Quoted.

Service at Wesley Chapel at 3:00 P. M. Sunday.

Duvall Guill left Monday for Blackburn to attend the F. F. A. State Dairy Judging Contest.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh over the week-end were R. P. Marsh and daughter, Harold Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, Miss Marvis Wooldridge and Mrs. Henry Fleshman and son, J. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trent, of Lynchburg visited with his father, Floyd Trent Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were the guests last Tuesday afternoon of Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and children were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with her parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at Rocks.

Mrs. John M. Clapp and daughter are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Esmond Pugh and children are the sick list at this writing.

Evergreen

Evergreen, June 20.- About 24 boys and girls of the intermediate classes from the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools went to Lakeside Park in Roanoke Saturday for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope and two boys, of South Carolina spent a few days with his her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans. Also Mr. and Mrs. Edd Duffman and son, Dickie were Sunday guests in this home.

A. B. Ferguson, who has been visiting in Baltimore returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge and J. L. Evans visited Mrs. Evans in Catawba last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Howard Glover and family Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and son, Freddie, of Alexandria, spent last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House visited his sisters, Miss Blannie Evans and Mrs. Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jennings and children, of Christiansburg, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard St. John and son, Bobby, of Red House spent Sunday with Mrs. Carl Womack and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans and daughter, Ann and Miss Mary Watt Stanley called to see Mrs. W. E. Warriner recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples called to see Mrs. G. W. Glover Friday night.

J. R. Hamilton is on the sick list.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover called to see Miss Wanda Kay LeGrand Friday.

Increase in corporation taxes is voted by House body in hope to justify excise tax cuts.

Bear appears on VPI campus during FFA game.

Census shows population of Richmond to be 232,000.

Paul Hoffman tells conference of governors that the world would not survive another great war.

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